

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Replace the Abstract of the Disclosure currently of record with the attached new Abstract of the Disclosure.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 20, as follows:

A digital camera capable of achieving the above-described first object is featured by comprising: a diaphragm for controlling an amount of incident light; a solid-state imaging element for receiving the incident light which has passed through the diaphragm, in which a plurality of pixels are arranged in an array shape, and each of the pixels is divided into a main pixel having a large area and a sub-pixel having a small area by an element separating band deviated from a center of the pixel; synthesizing process means for synthesizing a high-sensitivity image signal read from the main pixel of each of the pixels with a low-sensitivity image signal read from the sub-pixel; and control means for separately controlling a gain amount for the high-sensitivity image signal and a gain amount for the low-sensitivity image signal in response to a stop-amount of the diaphragm so as to cause the synthesizing process means 26—to execute the synthesizing operation.

Replace the heading on page 9, line 6, as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF THE ~~PREFERRED EMBODIMENT~~ PREFERRED EMBODIMENT